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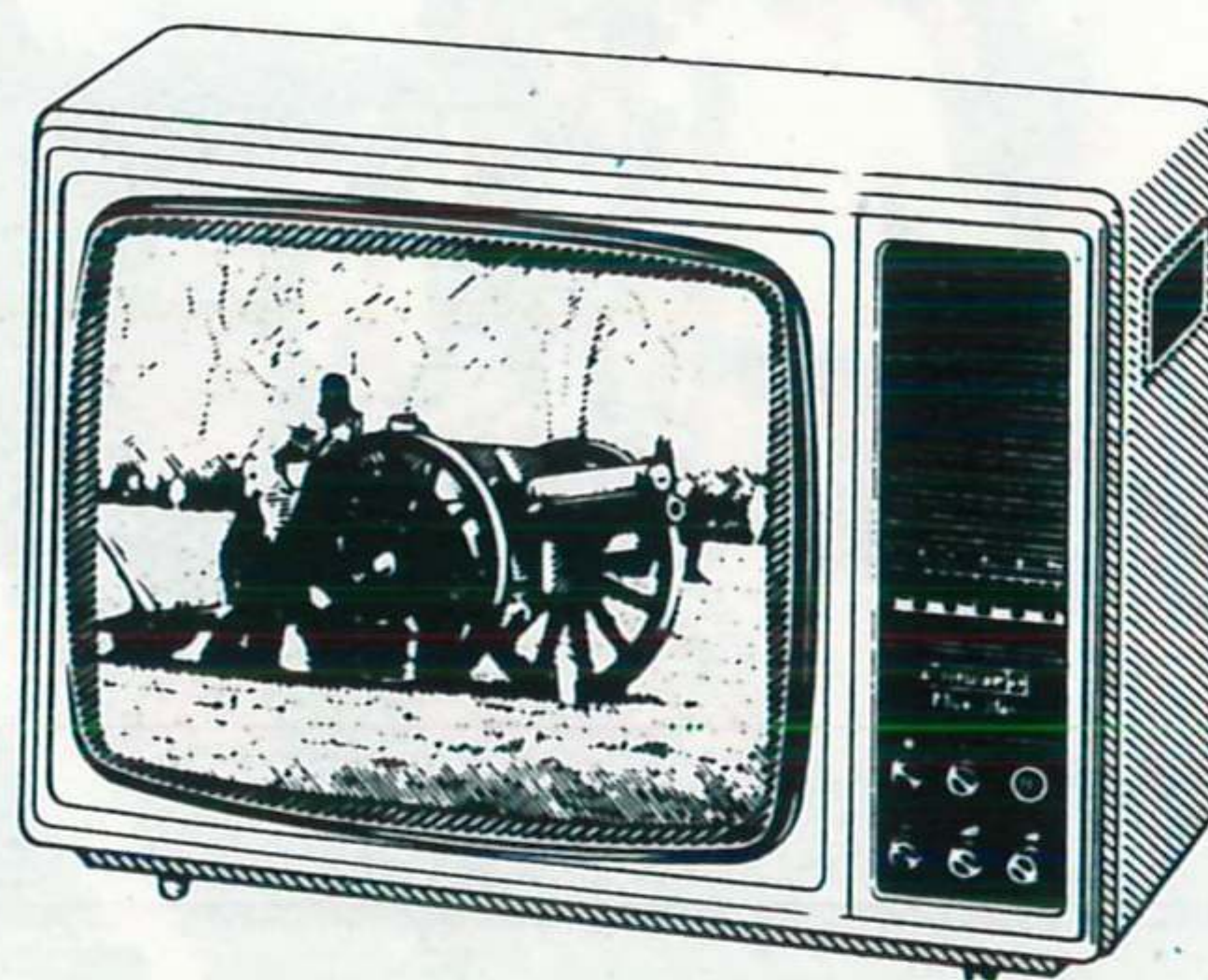
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Stan Anderson writes

Over the past few weeks it was looking as if Luton, our visitors today, would be coming to Burnden Park destined for the First Division, but how unfortunate for them that results over the past few days have put them out of it — barring of course a major catastrophe on Swansea's part.

Their result at home last Saturday when they were beaten by our neighbours Oldham was a real turn up and it just goes to show how crazy the Second Division has been this season.

Who would have thought that both Luton and Grimsby would have dropped vital home points to struggling clubs on the same day. But Oldham turned the tables on David Pleat's team and Cardiff got a shock win at Grimsby.

For Luton it is a really hard blow, because after going so close to promotion last season, they have shown this season that they are one of the most entertaining sides in the division. David must be tearing his hair out.

It just shows what an interesting season this has been for all of us. Things have gone anything but smoothly for us and its only in the last six or seven weeks that we have been able to put together a settled side and come up with the results to put us in a safe position.

Other clubs have been saying how tough a season they have had because of injuries, but I reckon neither Manchester United nor Liverpool have had as bad a time as us.

It's been a unique season for injuries here at Burnden Park as our physio Jim Headridge points out. Jim says he's never known a season quite like it. He hasn't just had the usual quota of knocks, strains and bruises to contend with. On top of all those, he's had to treat complicated injuries with serious ligament injuries like those of Dusan Nikolic and Mike Walsh. Peter Reid has needed a cartilage operation and both Craig Moores and Paul Keighley have had long spells out with bad knee injuries.

Len Cantello was out for a long spell with an ankle problem and Terry Poole missed a number of games with his shoulder injury.

However, the main thing is that we have come through it and the experience of this season will probably make us a hell of a lot stronger next season.

We need a couple of players to strengthen our squad, but that depends a lot on our financial position.

I would like to thank the supporters for the help they have given us throughout a very difficult season. Things haven't gone as we or they would have liked, but their loyal support has been much appreciated.

Our Visits



Back row: Andy Pearson, Rob Johnson, Les Harriott, Michael Small, Robert Walker, Herbie Smith, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Seamus Heath.

Third row: David Coates (Coach), Steve White, Mark Aizlewood, John Findlay, Mike Saxby, Raddimir Antic, Alan Judge, Mal Donaghy, Godfrey Ingram, John Moore (Coach).

Second row: Kirk Stevens, Alan West, Tony Grealish, Brian Stein, David Pleat (Manager), Paul Price, John Smith (Chief Executive), David Moss, Pasquale Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist).

First row: Ray Bremmer, Alan Crosby, Andy Foot, Brian Phelps, Neil Madden, John Madden, John Woodward, Andy Beesley, Frank Bunn, John Cole, David Patterson.

THRILLING FINISH FOR LUTON

by Tony Pullein

Luton's nerve-tingling season has culminated in a tremendously thrilling finish following a wonderful late burst that put them right back in line for promotion.

Three successive victories — at home to Q.P.R. (3-0) and Bristol Rovers (1-0) and away to Chelsea (2-0) — shot them into third position in the table on Easter Monday, leaving them locked in combat with Blackburn, Derby and Swansea for the right to the third promotion place behind West Ham and Notts. County.

Manager David Pleat's fear that his team might repeat last season's late collapse has, fortunately, not materialised. Last April, Luton were third in the table, just two points behind the leaders. But, as the pressure increased over the closing weeks, the Hatters managed to win only one of their closing five games and finally finished in sixth place.

It seemed a strange decision, at the time, when Luton sold striker Bob Hatton to Sheffield United at the end of the season. Last season he set up a predigious scoring partnership with David Moss, scoring 18 goals himself while at the same time helping Moss to take his tally to 24.

The £75,000 fee offered by the Blades had to be a consideration, of course, for a club that still has to

watch the pennies. Yet it is not cash alone that can compensate, or replace, scoring duos of the Moss-Hatton calibre.

Luck plays its part in how the chemistry of two individuals will produce an explosive result, as it did with Bob and Dave.

The situation began to look bleak during the early weeks of the season when the Hatters' attack failed to function fully and in October they were almost bottom of the Second Division.

Then, out of the blue, Brian Stein found his confidence and he began to set up just as fine an understanding with Moss as Hatton had done last season. The goals began to flow, Luton shot up the table and by January they were once again chasing promotion.

That Luton can even consider a further spell of First Division football is really something of a miracle in itself. When it is recalled how many quality players the Hatters have been forced to sell in recent years, since their near financial collapse, it is certainly remarkable how they survived as high as Second Division level.

Malcolm Macdonald, Don Givens and Chris Nicholl rank among the internationals who have been sold. Andy King can be counted among Peter Anderson

The Hatters

Ron and Paul Futchler, Steve Buckley, Barrie Butlin and Vic Halom as just a few of the top players Luton were forced to sell in order to survive.

It was a tribute, initially, to former manager Harry Haslam — and, more recently, to David Pleat — that the club came through such a traumatic experience to survive at its present level.

Mr Pleat's only major signing last summer involved the purchase of former Yugoslav international Raddy Antic from Spanish club Zaragoza.

Following a period of acclimatisation, Antic has now settled with Tony Grealish and Ricky Hill in midfield, to the exclusion of that fine club man Alan West.

Brian Stein and David Moss have been linking up with either Steve White or Godfrey Ingram in attack while the back four has settled with Mike Saxby and Paul Price in the middle and Kirk Stephens and Mal Donaghy on the flanks.

Jake Findlay has been looking as confident as ever in goal.

Luton have scored away League victories at West Ham (2-1), Cambridge (3-1), Watford (1-0), Shrewsbury (1-0), Bristol Rovers (4-2), Notts. County (1-0) and Chelsea (2-0).

They drew at Grimsby (0-0), Oldham (0-0), Derby (2-2), Orient (0-0), Wrexham (0-0) and Swansea (2-2).

But they went down at Newcastle (1-2), Blackburn (0-3), Bristol City (1-2), Preston (0-1), Q.P.R. (2-3), Cardiff (0-1) and Sheffield Wednesday (1-3).

Luton have enjoyed two previous spells in the First Division. They first went up in 1955 and they remained for five seasons but, when they returned in 1974, they stayed for only one season in spite of a wonderful late bid to save themselves.

The club was founded in 1885 and was originally elected to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897. They lost their place three years later but returned as a founder member of the Third Division (South) in 1920.

In 1959 they appeared in their only F.A. Cup final losing 1-2 to Nottingham Forest.

JAKE FINDLAY (Goalkeeper). Jake got only 14 chances to play in Aston Villa's League team and his career really didn't begin to flourish until his £100,000 transfer to Luton in 1978. Now he is hoping to get the chance to play for Scotland.

KIRK STEPHENS (Defender). Kirk joined the club from Nuneaton Town and went into the first-team in 1978/79. Now he is firmly settled at right-back.

MIKE SAXBY (Defender). Luton paid a then club record fee of £200,000 to sign Mike from Mansfield in 1979. He had worked his way into the Stags' senior team for a couple of games in 1975/76 and he was ever-present in 1978/79.

PAUL PRICE (Defender). Paul was introduced to the Wales' team for last season's British Championship and he now has eight full caps, plus one at under-21 level. Paul was introduced to the Luton side in 1972/73.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal won N.Ireland under-21 honours in his Larne Town days. Luton signed him for £20,000 during the 1978 close-season and now he has switched from midfield to left-back. He is now a full international with 5 N.I. caps before this week's World Cup clash against Portugal.

MIKE AIZLEWOOD (Midfield). Mark rose to prominence with Newport County and Luton paid £30,000 for him in 1978. Mark is now a Welsh u-21 international. Once a defender, he usually plays in midfield these days.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky first signed for Luton as a schoolboy in May 1975 and later completed his apprenticeship with the club. He made his first-team bow in 1975/76 and has been holding his place for the past three years.

TONY GREALISH (Midfield). Luton increased their club record payout to £300,000 when they signed Tony from Orient in 1979. He had spent the previous five seasons in the Os' first-team. Tony won his 23rd Republic of Ireland cap against Belgium in March.

RADDY ANTIC (Midfield). Raddy is a former Yugoslav international who left his country to join Spanish club Zaragoza. He was transferred to Luton during the last close-season.

ALAN WEST (Midfield). Alan is a former England under-23 international who first entered League soccer with Burnley in 1970.. Luton paid £80,000 for him in 1973 and he has now played more than 250 League games for the club.

BRIAN STEIN (Forward). Brian is a local discovery who came into the first-team three seasons ago. He scored eight goals last season but this season his consistent scoring has kept the Hatters in close contention for promotion. He has netted 19 times so far.

DAVID MOSS (Forward). David has been Luton's top scorer for the past two seasons, hitting 24 last term. He is now level top scorer with 19. He previously spent about six years as a regular first-teamer at Swindon until transferring to Luton for £90,000 in 1978.

STEVE WHITE (Forward). Steve made his bow in Bristol Rovers' League eleven in 1977/78 and he was transferred to Luton for £175,000 last season.

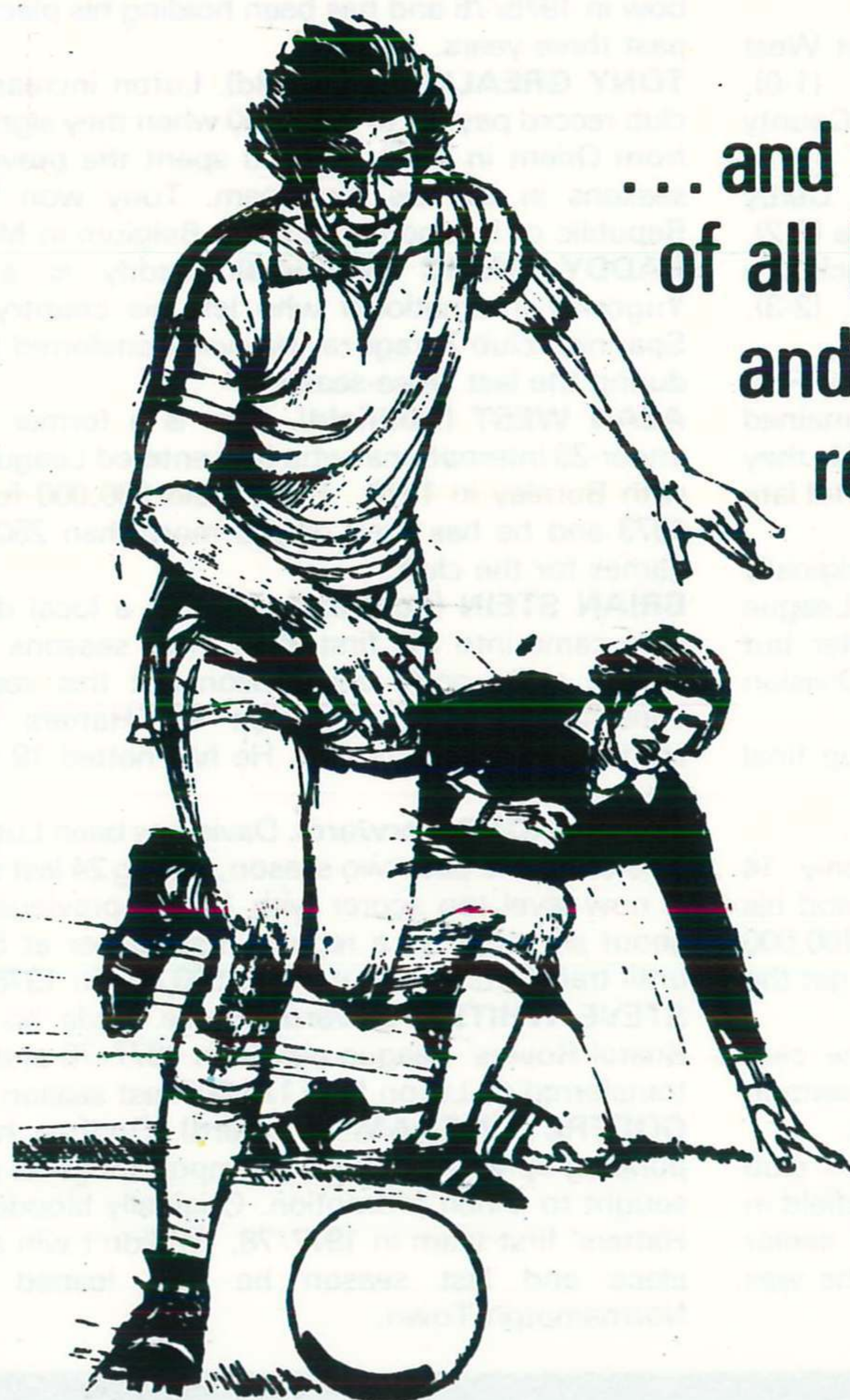
GODFREY INGRAM (Forward). Godfrey has been popping up with some pretty important goals as Luton sought to clinch promotion. Originally blooded in the Hatters' first-team in 1977/78, he didn't win a regular place and last season he was loaned out to Northampton Town.

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Club Scene

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Last season, Blackpool Basketball Club hired Horwich Leisure Centre for their National League games and were staggered by the response of the people of Bolton. Crowds of around 500 people made their way every other Saturday night to see Britain's best basketball players superbly led by star studded professionals from America.

Bolton became hooked on basketball despite Blackpool's poor season and the fact that they were an outside team.

Blackpool amalgamated with Stockport Belgrade and it looked as if top class basketball was going to leave Bolton despite the instant success. However, Bolton's top basketball club K.C.A. Canon Slade, persuaded Wanderers that the people of Bolton needed top flight basketball and needed the Wanderers to support and sponsor a Bolton team.

For K.C.A. Canon Slade directors, Alan Jeffers, Geoff Watson and Keith Knight, it was a dream come true when the Wanderers said 'Yes!'

In addition to the obvious skills and thrills of the game it is a real sport for all the family. Mum, Dad and the kids can have a good night out watching a colourful and exciting sport in the comfort of a fine leisure centre. The Board of Bolton Wanderers Football Club investigated all aspects and gave the go ahead.

Remember, its a club for everyone. You can play for one of its 7 teams if you want. Bolton Wanderers Basketball Club is for the people of Bolton. When September comes along, get along to Horwich Leisure Centre to see **your** Basketball Team.

WANDERERS SUPPORT TESTIMONIAL

Wanderers have given their support to long-serving Phil Parry who has given years of valuable service as a player for our friends at Horwich RMI.

A Wanderers XI, in fact, beat RMI 3-2 in a testimonial match at Grundy Hill which attracted a sizeable crowd and netted £180 for the Phil Parry testimonial fund.

Thanks to two goals from trialist David Jenas and one from Junior Whites Player of the Year David Hoggan, Wanderers were 3-0 up by half time. But in the second half RMI came back with goals from King and Froggatt.

Phil Parry has made more than 500 appearances for RMI in his 12 years at the club and received an

engraved tankard from Wanderers skipper Mike Walsh on what turned out to be a quite memorable night.

Our neighbours Manchester United will be staging a special testimonial match at Old Trafford on Monday when an England XI, managed by Ron Greenwood take on a Scotland XI, managed by John Stein to honour Cliff Lloyd who retires this year after 27 years as secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association.

The match kicks off at 3pm but the festivities begin at 1-30 when Manchester United and Manchester City youth team meet in a special challenge match.

And during the half time interval of the big match, former international stars Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Paddy Crerand and former Wanderers favourite Franny Lee will take part in an all-star penalty competition.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Regular season ticket holders are reminded that they have until the end of May to reserve their favourite stand seats for next season. From June 1, current season ticket holders will no longer be guaranteed the seat they have occupied this seson.

THANKS TO YOU ALL

Since this is our final match this season, the directors, officials, management and players here at Burnden Park would like to thank all of you, our loyal supporters, for your valued encouragement, home and away throughout the season.

We regard our fans as the best in the business and we will continue to strive to reward their loyalty.

A special "Thank You" also goes to those supporters who have taken full advantage of our newly-introduced discount ticket plan and have had confidence to buy season tickets for the new season which begins in August.

We look forward to seeing you all again after the summer break when you can guarantee that we will be going all out to achieve the success our fans deserve.

"JUNIOR WHITE" NEWS

Our "Junior White"/Cambrian Player of the Year trophy will be presented today to David Hoggan by Mr. Gordon Holden of Cambrian, who we thank for their generous Sponsorship.

Tomorrow sees 40 Junior Whites going to Blackburn where we shall be playing matches against their Junior Rovers at Under 11 and under 13 level plus a 7-a-side girls game.

Although today is the last game of the Season, a reminder to parents that on production of "Junior White" membership you can get a 10% discount from the "Happy Shop" on items over £1 (not programmes).

A definite date for your diaries is Sunday 16 August when we shall be holding our first "Junior Whites" Family Day at Bromwich St. Details of events etc. will be announced nearer the time in the Press and on Local Radio.

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SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL?

WHEN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE gave the go ahead to Queens Park Rangers to install an artificial football pitch at their Loftus Road stadium, it signalled a new era for the game of football.

Oh yes I know that some clubs in the NASL have been playing on Astroturf for some years now, but the introduction of a synthetic surface at QPR, opens the door to the whole of Europe.

There is no doubt that the prospect of playing on a true surface week in week out has excited the Rangers playing staff and assistant manager Alan Harris enthuses: "The system we are going to use is sand based and is the nearest thing to grass that I have ever seen. And because it is sand based the water just drains through it when it rains.

"You can also shorten or lengthen the height of the grass according to your requirements, by controlling the amount of sand used. This is important because different events require different conditions, like tennis which needs a shorter cut than say football. With this system there is no problem you can provide whatever conditions are needed."

Rangers are spending £350,000 on the scheme which has a life expectancy of just ten years, so at a cost of £35,000 per annum isn't that rather expensive?

INTRUSION?

"Not when you think of the financial returns you can expect from the commercial activities you will be able to promote," counters Alan Harris, "such things as pop concerts, boxing, tennis, cricket and other entertainments."

Obviously an all-weather all-purpose playing surface gives rise to various commercial activities. For the first time football grounds will be available for use seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year and the financial return could be quite astronomical.

This is a prime reason why football clubs will have to take note of the developments at Loftus Road, but there are many people who feel that the introduction of artificial pitches is an intrusion into the very fabric of our national game.

Manchester United manager Dave Sexton is one who believes that it could change the game. He says: "I can see advantages from the commercial point of view, pop festivals and things like that but from the football angle I don't think you can beat a nice turfed pitch.

"Football on artificial surfaces can be quite good, but it is not ideal to play full blooded football on. It will produce a different sort of game, there will be little tackling and physical play, it will turn into a touch game."

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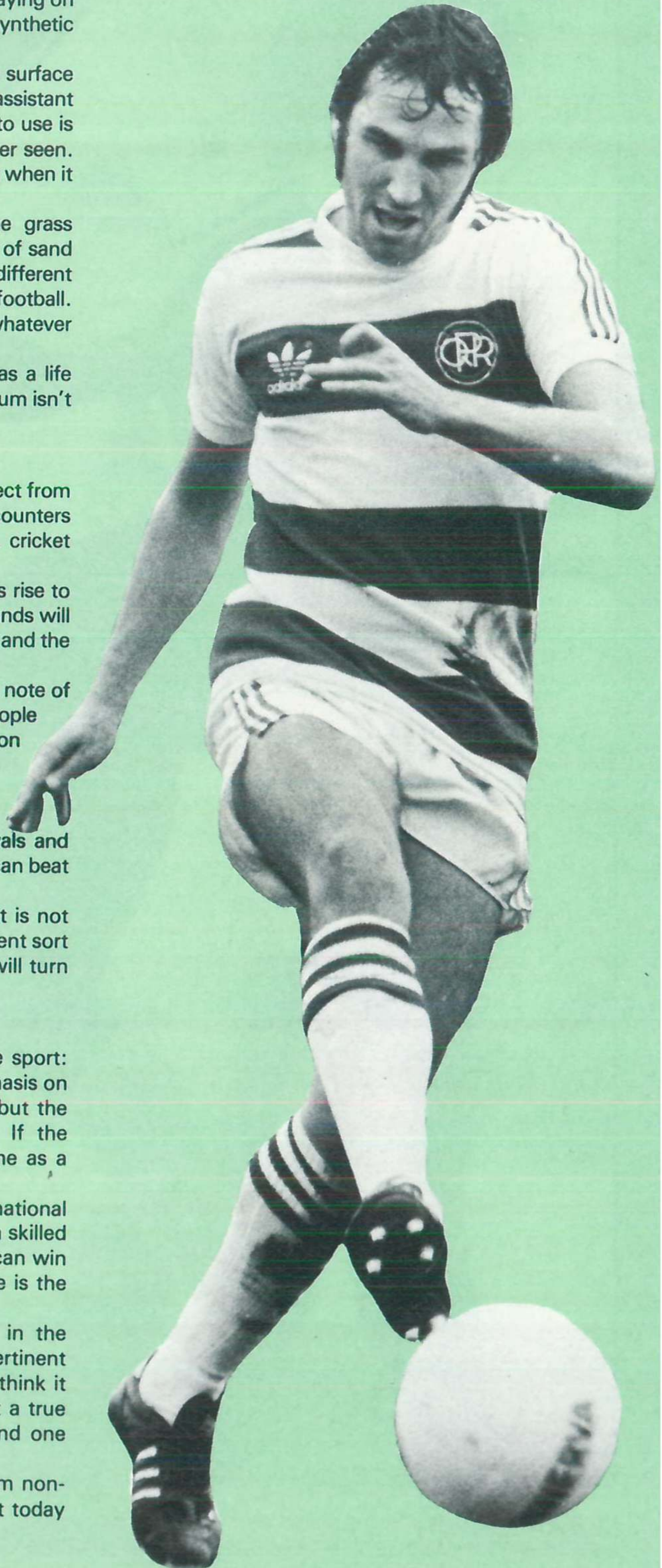
As far as Alan Harris is concerned that will benefit the sport: "Yes" he says; "teams will have to place much more emphasis on skill. I would not say that it will make the game slower, but the players will certainly have to improve their technique. If the emphasis is on skill then surely it must improve the game as a spectator sport.

"I can't see that we will lose any of our national characteristics. I would much rather coach a side versed in skilled attractive football, than one which just rushes about and can win games on glue pot pitches through sheer strength. Where is the entertainment in that?"

However former Spurs star Peter Baker who played in the Londoners double winning side of 1961 made a very pertinent point when I discussed the subject with him. He said: "I think it would make the game more stereotyped. If you have got a true bounce all the time the game will become predictable and one paced."

Certainly there is a danger that if the financial gain from non-football activities proves irresistible, football as we know it today could one day be a thing of the past.

Rangers artificial pitch will be ideal for former England skipper Gerry Francis.





Garth Crooks is Black Magic

GARTH CROOKS' goalscoring prowess this season has already justified the £650,000 fee Tottenham Hotspur paid Stoke City for him last summer.

"I was delighted to get the chance to join Spurs," says Crooks who thinks "It was time for a move. I felt that I had got as far as I could with Stoke City and it seemed to me that Tottenham were just the sort of club that would be complimentary to my style.

"They had just bought Steve Archibald and as you have seen this season the lad can finish. Well I felt that I could contribute to his tally, and really that was all Spurs needed to make them into a successful side again."

The events of this season have proved him right, for there can be few more deadlier partnerships in the League than the Crooks — Archibald combination that has fired the London club into a respectable League position and into the FA Cup Final.

Born in Stoke of Jamaican parents, Garth started his footballing career with his local club, turning professional in March 1976. He made his League debut the following month and went on to score 36 goals in 101 appearances for the Potteries side.

But you might be surprised to know that this young sports fanatic does not spend his summers basking on hot sunny beaches, but at Wimbledon watching the worlds number one tennis tournament.

"It is something I have always enjoyed watching. At school I was quite a good tennis player. I go to the Wimbledon fortnight whenever I can it is really fantastic."

Mind you Garth's interests cover the full spectrum of the sporting calendar and one of his greatest ambitions was to meet Muhammed Ali. It was a dream that became reality two years ago and one that Garth describes like this: "It was an unbelievable experience, to be actually in his company for a whole evening.

"Actually the evening went so fast it now seems like a bit of a blur. It was at the Birmingham Odeon and I also met his trainer and Jimmy Ellis. There was quite a large gathering of players from other football clubs there. We went on to see him spar and then one or two of us were lucky enough to be

invited into the VIP lounge to spend the rest of the evening there. As I say it was unbelievable.

"I froze. It is the only time I have been speechless in my life. I couldn't believe it, I was standing in front of the greatest human being in the world — as far as I was concerned — and I just froze, I couldn't say anything. But the whole experience was something to be treasured.

"There is only one other person can ever get anywhere near Muhammed and that is Pele, who for me has the same magnitude and charisma."

Does Garth ever see himself as being a cult figure?

"Oh no never. It would be nice obviously to be known as a big star and if I could win one World Cup winners medal I would be well pleased, but you can't think in those terms.

"At the moment I would seem to have a reasonable chance of making a good career for myself in football. There are things I want to achieve of course before I finish playing and appearing in an FA Cup Final is one of them. Obviously if I do achieve my ambitions then I will become some sort of name."

One of the articulate Crooks' major targets is the England team. "Yes I would love to get in on the full England international scene," confirms the lad who made a sensational start when he blasted three goals past Bulgaria in the Leicester fog on his international debut for the England Under-21 side.

A player of infinite skill, pace and vision, Garth Crooks has thrilled football audiences from Brighton to Sunderland this season, **which has been his best ever.** The spectacular volley he netted against Everton, which was seen by a vast television audience is a typical example of the lethal finishing he has regularly displayed to Spurs supporters this season.

There is no doubt that this young man has a bright future ahead of him both at club and international level. He gives everything he has got in every match and it was a tired disappointed Crooks who trudged off the Hillsborough pitch following his first ever semi-final for Spurs.

The Londoners had been robbed of a Wembley final that afternoon but at least lived to fight again, a fact Garth was grateful to accept.

AS ENGLAND PREPARE for their World Cup qualifying ties in Switzerland and Hungary, which follow on the hectic and often false realities of the British Home Championship with Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, manager Ron Greenwood reflects on some of the problems facing the boss of England's national side.

Greenwood was the butt on which much irresponsible criticism fell following England's shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of Spain, England's first home defeat under his leadership. And it seems indicative of our current situation that he should be seen as the scapegoat for the deficiencies that are not his fault.

Surely the manager of England is entitled to expect players who are the cream of our game to be competent at the basic skills of their trade. Capable of passing the ball accurately, controlling it quickly?

However it is blatantly clear that apart from a few exceptional exponents such as Glenn Hoddle, Tony Currie and a handful more, these basic requirements are sadly lacking.

Greenwood says: "Basically I do not think that the philosophy of football on the continent varies too much from country to country, the method of

Gary Bailey — Manchester United's goalkeeper has been groomed for future international duty in the Under-21s.



COLIN BENSON TALKS TO RON GREENWOOD ABOUT WINNING IS

play is a sort of universal acceptance of the game. It is only here in Britain where we play it differently, as I have said before 22 different ways in the Football League. It makes English football exciting and unpredictable at the domestic level, but makes our job on the international field very difficult.

CONTINUITY

"One of our main problems is that players brought in from the various clubs adopting different styles find it very difficult to combine and play with each other at international level. We only have a couple of days preparation before a game anyway and this is why the squad system is so vitally important. The value of keeping a squad of players together over a long period has been reflected in the Italian national team's progress over recent years.

"People like Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle and Terry Butcher have played in squads and have found it that much easier to come into the side when eventually selected."

One major innovation by Ron Greenwood has been to try and establish a pattern of continuity from the England Youth team right through to the senior national side. The first step was to appoint John Cartwright as the full-time manager of the Youth side.

"We have done well at youth level where our strength and tenacity has told," explains Greenwood who points out; "On the continent they develop their young players much more gradually than we do here. They don't put youngsters of 18 or so into first team football like we do. It is forced upon us by economics, but the tragedy is that many fall by the wayside leaving just a few to come through despite the system."

"Like I have said often. Continental football is not better than ours, it is just different, so you have to be flexible, able to cope with it. If players have not had the experience of playing against it then it is very difficult for them when they do. That is why it is important to give them the experience before they play in the senior side.

"If they have played foreign sides at Youth level, then Under-21 level, by the time they reach the senior side they have accumulated a wealth of experience of European football and therefore should be able to adapt and improvise accordingly.

TO ENGLAND MANAGER AND DISCOVERS WHEN NOT SUCCESS QUALITIES

"That is why we are hoping to establish this pattern of continuity throughout the representative sides. Now that the youngsters are more flexible at Youth level — being able to play a little more like the continentals — which they proved last summer when winning the European Youth Tournament in East Germany, that ability should be carried forward to the more senior sides as the lads grow up.

"And whilst they still might not play that way at club level, it is being introduced to them in the Youth side and they bring that knowledge through into the Under-21s. And if the Under-21 management want to alter their strategy for a particular game then they will be able to capitalise on the flexibility of the young players who should adapt quite easily . . . It will have started with John Cartwright at Youth level and eventually progress right through."

Ron Greenwood is respected throughout the world as one of the most astute managers in the game. He has said that continental football is not better than ours, but aren't they more proficient in the mastery of the basic skills?

"There are different qualities you see. Our quality is inherent, it is a Nordic quality of strength and aggression. It is a natural resource and we are not endowed with the touch, flair and skill of say the Latin people. . . But that can be learned. Technique and skills can always be learned and more emphasis should be paid to them. That is what we are doing with our younger players at youth level. But like always we are so dependent on what happens at the clubs. If it isn't done at club level then you are denied doing certain things comparable to the rest of the world, because you can't do it at international level. So it has got to happen at clubs where players have to receive better tuition and better education so that eventually they will be able to cope with the world game.

RESULTS

"Unfortunately development at youth level is sometimes put by the board at the grass roots because winning is more important. Winning is important don't get me wrong on that, but development is much more important at that age. And this emphasis on winning starts way down the line even at school where there is far too much importance attached to results.

"Development should be related to the cultivation of skill, touch and technique. Until things change and this becomes the norm, we will just get the odd players with great promise coming through. At the moment there are maybe ten a year. There should be 100, and then we will be on the right lines."

It is a sobering thought that this is the only major footballing nation where professional coaches are not allowed to get hold of youngsters in their most critical years. Until they can and instill good habits instead of bad ones, the future of England's international success will depend on fortune. Fortune such as that experienced in 1966 when by chance, six world class players emerged in the same team and of course that was good enough to walk off with the World Cup.

But we should be really working to produce top class talent not waiting in hope. How can you blame Ron Greenwood for poor results when he is struggling to find players of top international calibre. The Football Association's current attempts to link the Youth through the Under-21s and "B" side to the senior team will help, but football badly needs to get in on the ground floor at schoolboy level, if we are really to take on the world on an equal footing.

A young striker of exceptional ability is Norwich City's teenager Justin Fashanu, who is learning the universal game at Under-21 level.



A Crisp Flavour at Wembley

When Nottingham Forest's enigmatic boss Brian Clough heard about the English Schools' Football Association Six-a-Side Championship he took time off from his hectic preparation of the European Champions to entertain the Nottingham City winners, and give them a personally conducted tour of the Nottingham Forest ground.

Just like a packet of crisps, this competition which embraces school boys from the length and breadth of England, has proved irresistible. The prospect of an appearance on the hallowed turf of Wembley is enough to spur any football minded youngster to give of his best, although it must be admitted that a windswept school pitch in the middle of January, before a handful of spectators, is a far cry from the twin towers of Wembley. The point is it is possible.

The competition which is sponsored by the Smiths Food Group, first came into being three years ago when over 2,500 schools entered. This season that entry has doubled to a fantastic 5,000 entrants from Primary Schools and with eight players in each school team squad that represents a total commitment of more than 40,000 youngsters.

LONG ROAD

No doubt many Under-11s in your area have participated in this, the largest football competition in the world, and if they have managed to last out until now then they have done extremely well. Ask Ipswich Town skipper Mick Mills how

difficult it is to get to Wembley and he will tell you. It is possible to reach the FA Cup Final in five matches, and yet for the youngsters who reach the climax of this competition it will have been a battle through some 40 odd games, over a period of nine months, and that is some achievement.

It all starts at local level with the competitors playing out local association rounds with the winners progressing to the County Championships. The

County Champions then play in four Area Finals to determine the last four who will have the honour of playing the semi-finals and final before 80,000 bellowing children, prior to the England v West Germany Under 15 Schoolboy International on Saturday 13th June.

Goodmayes Primary Schools, Ilford, Essex were the first proud holders of 'The ESFA/Smiths Food Group 6-A-Side Championship Cup which is a solid silver trophy, and last summer St Mary's R.C. School, from Denton, Manchester experienced their hour of glory with a thrilling 2-1 victory over their opponents from St. Cuthberts School, Sunderland.

THE AREA FINALISTS

AREA W — SOUTH WEST

Counties: Avon, Berkshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hereford & Worcs., Jersey, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Wiltshire (12).

Tuesday, 5th May at Henbury Court Junior School, Bristol. (Afternoon session at School — Final at Eastville Stadium prior to Bristol Rovers v Bristol City Gloucestershire Cup Final).

AREA X — SOUTH EAST

Counties: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Inner London, Kent, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex (12).

Saturday, 16th May at Heronswood School, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. at 1.00 p.m.

AREA Y — NORTH WEST

Counties: Cheshire, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands Metropolitan (10).

Saturday, 16th May at Winsford, Cheshire at 1.00 p.m.

AREA Z — NORTH EAST

Counties: Cleveland, Durham, Humberside, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire (11).

Saturday, 16th May at Westfield School, Sheffield at 1.00 p.m.

A touch of class for the Nottingham County champions as Brian Clough introduces the to the European Cup.



"FOOTBALL IS A GREAT GAME" SAYS GEORGE BERRY, WOLVES

GEORGE BERRY the hard man of the Wolves defence emerged from the mud of a Hillsborough semi-final that had thrilled a capacity crowd and erupted to a dramatic conclusion that earned the Midlanders a 2-2 draw with a disputed last kick penalty.

"The games never finished until the final whistle has blown, so it does not pay to be thinking you are out as time draws near," is the philosophical attitude of this keen competitor.

Berry was booked early in the game but refuted that this inhibited him in any way: "If you are booked you just have to keep on playing and forget about it," he says. "If you let it affect your game then you are no use to the team and as my job is a defensive one I must continue to challenge for the ball.

"I did not foul Ossie Ardiles when we conceded the free kick from which Glenn Hoddle put Spurs 2-1 up. I never foul anyone intentionally. But there is always a lot of emotion on the pitch in games like these, from the players and the referee's.

FIRST

"I respect Clive Thomas, I think he is a good referee, it just depends how you approach him. But heavens you don't worry about referee's when you are in a big game like a cup semi-final. You think about the football and in our game with Spurs there was some great football played by both sides, with four goals and plenty of drama. What more could you want."

George who is the first coloured player to be capped by Wales, was actually born in West Germany. He missed only one match in the centre of the Wolves defence last season and was a key figure in the Molineux clubs Football League Cup triumph over Nottingham Forest.

Standing over six foot tall he is well equipped to deal with big central strikers, but says that he



does not mind facing the more mobile attack of a combination like the Garth Crooks — Steve Archibald partnership.

ENJOYMENT

"I don't care a damn," is the instant reply. "All strikers have their own individual qualities like our Andy Gray who is not particularly tall but is great in the air. Small or big, short, fat or hairy . . . I don't mind how they come as long as I am picked in the Wolves side."

George Berry is a very down to earth young man. "I am not superstitious, I just don't believe in all that twaddle. I mean what difference is it going to make if I tie my left boot up before my right one every week. None at all. And when they started telling us that Highbury, the venue of our replay with Spurs, is a lucky ground for Wolves, it meant nothing to me.

"All I want to do is play football, get out there and compete. . . I enjoy the game, I enjoy the crowd, the pitch the atmosphere, everything. Football is a great game."



Benno

Colin Benson's world of soccer

When the yellow card system was given the red card by the Football League earlier this season that was the end of that, as far as domestic football in this country was concerned. But that is not the case in Belgium where the whole system of red and yellow cards is currently under debate.

The National Football League in Belgium has accordingly come up with a revolutionary idea for dealing with players cautioned during a match. They wanted to create a system which would cut down on the administrative work and came up with this novel idea designed to punish the offending player and his club directly.

The suggestion is that any player committing a foul that invokes a caution will be sent off the field

of play immediately and be replaced by one of two listed substitutes.

A form of instant punishment if you like and certainly one that could cause all sorts of problems if refereed by someone who reaches for the book frequently. Because once the two substitutes have been used there is no replacement player.

It is felt that this will result in fewer cautions being issued because referees would think more seriously before warning players for minor offences. The Belgians also feel that the system would have a favourable influence on the players themselves as they would not wish to provoke their own substitution.

Trevor Whymark — the only addition to Grimsby Town's playing strength this season, cost the Mariners a bargain £80,000.



JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

As the Centenary FA Cup Final approaches, test your knowledge on the FA Cup.

1. When was the first FA Cup Final played?
2. Who were the winners?
3. What year was the first Wembley Final staged?
4. Who was it between?
5. Which club has won the trophy the most times?
6. Who won the Cup last season?
7. Who defeated them this season?
8. Which teams played in the Hillsborough semi-final this season?

9. Which teams played in the Villa Park semi-final this season?
10. A new rule was introduced to this seasons semi-finals. What was it?

FUN SPOT

The F.A. Cup has gone out of England just once. Do you know when, who won it, what the score was and who did they beat in the Final?

ANSWERS 1. 1871-72, 2. The Wanderers, 3. 1923, 4. Bolton & West Ham Utd., 5. Aston Villa, 6. West Ham Utd., 7. Wrexham, 8. Spurs & Wolves, 9. Manchester City & Ipswich, 10. The introduction of extra-time. FUNSPOT — 1926-27 Cardiff City beat Arsenal 1-0.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division Two	Home	Away
Barnsley	8-0	1-1
Blackpool	4-2	1-1
Bradford Pa	1-2	0-4
Bradford City	3-0	1-1
Brentford	2-0	0-1
Burnley	7-0	1-2
Bury	2-0	1-2
Fulham	4-0	1-2
Hull	1-2	2-0
Manchester Utd	3-1	3-0
Newcastle	1-0	3-1
Norwich	4-0	3-2
Nottingham Forest	2-3	1-0
Notts. County	5-1	2-0
Oldham	2-0	4-1
Plymouth	3-2	0-1
Port Vale	2-0	3-1
Sheffiel United	1-1	2-6
Southampton	4-0	2-1
Swansea	1-0	1-2
West Ham	3-1	1-4

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3—	Northampton (a)	2-0
Rd. 4—	Plymouth (a)	4-1
Rd. 5—	Totterham (a)	1-1
	(h)	1-1
	(at Villa Park)	2-0
Rd. 6—	Everton (a)	2-1
SF	— W.B.A.	
	(at Leeds)	1-1
	(at Stoke)	0-2

League goalscorers

Milsom	31	Westwood	30
Taylor G.T.	10	Cook	6
Eastham	5	Rimmer	4
Atkinson	2	Goslin	2
Walton	2	Cameron	1
Chambers	1	opponents	2

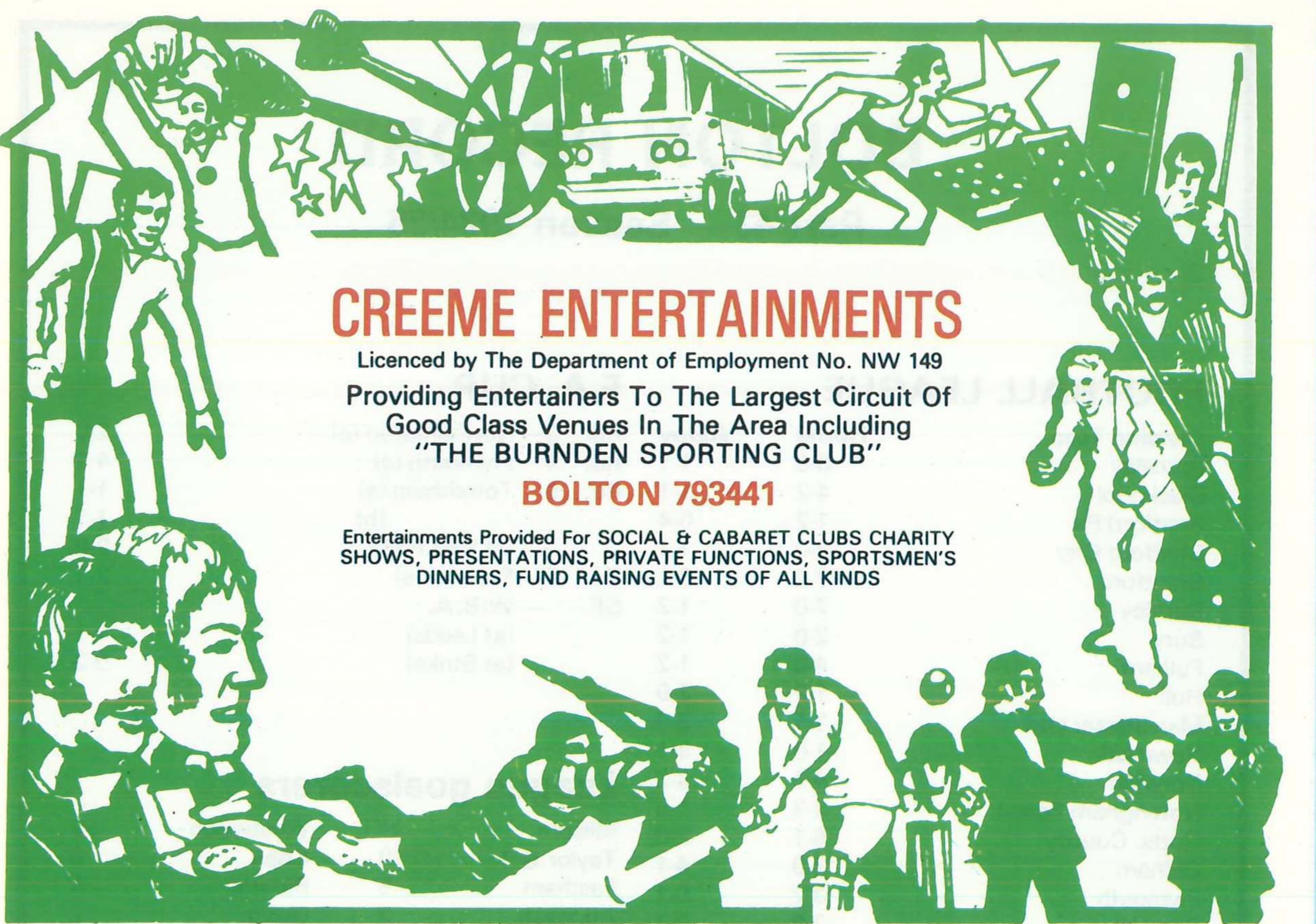
DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	42	26	9	7	93	48	61
Bolton Wanderers	42	26	4	12	96	48	56
West Ham United	42	26	4	12	80	63	56
Blackpool	42	21	11	10	79	57	53
Manchester U.	42	23	4	15	76	55	50
Newcastle United	42	22	4	16	89	68	48
Fulham	42	17	12	13	76	56	46
Plymouth Argyle	42	19	8	15	75	64	46
Nott'ham Forest	42	17	8	17	76	70	42
Bury	42	19	4	19	62	73	42
Sheffield United	42	16	9	17	79	70	41
Burnley	42	16	9	17	63	73	41
Hull City	42	16	8	18	63	74	40
Norwich City	42	14	11	17	71	61	39
Bradford	42	11	16	15	55	63	38
Barnsley	42	13	12	17	60	83	38
Swansea Town	42	14	8	20	56	67	36
Port Vale	42	11	12	19	55	74	34
Southampton	42	11	12	19	46	75	34
Bradford City	42	12	8	22	50	68	32
Oldham Athletic	42	10	6	26	56	95	26
Notts County	42	9	7	26	46	97	25

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances:

Atkinson, J.E.	40	Cameron K.	3
Chambers W.T.	2	Church H.H.	1
Connor J.	1	Cook W.	29
Eastham G.R.	33	Finney A.	38
Goldsmith G.	3	Goslin H.	42
Hurst G.	3	Jones R.	41
Milsom J.	40	Rimmer J.W.	13
Smith R.	42	Taylor G.	41
Taylor G.T.	42	Walton G.	10
Westwood R.W.	38		



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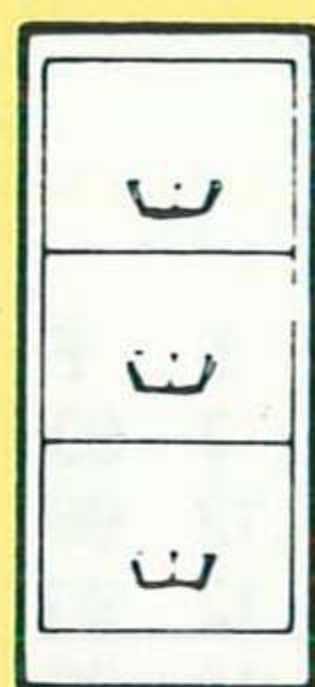
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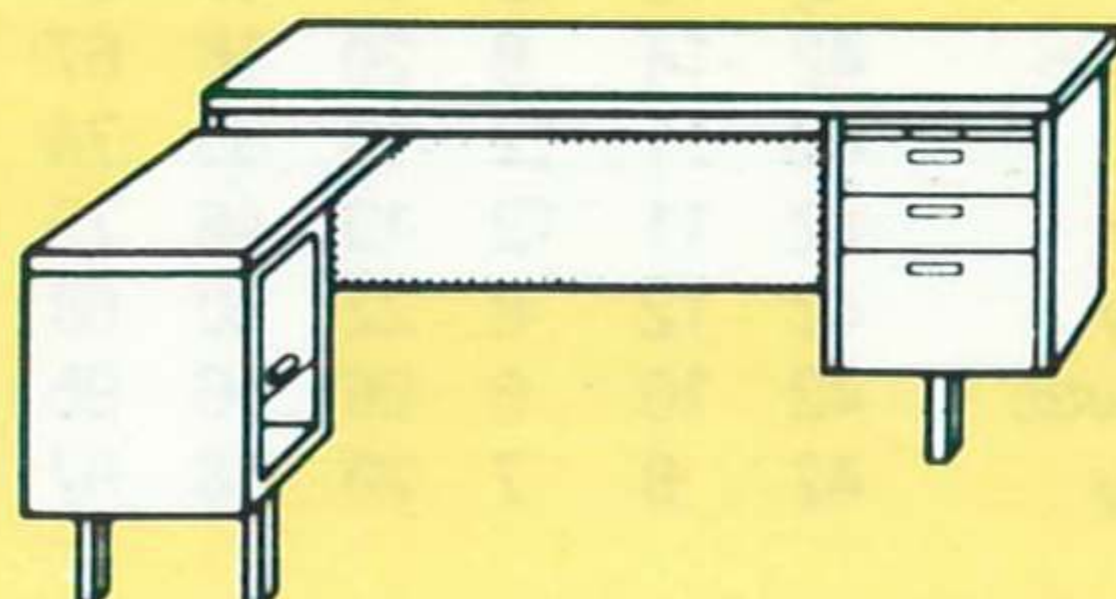
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B. Bolton v Watford, Paul Jones flies through the air.

C. Blackburn v Bolton, Peter Reid slips past a defender.

D. Bolton v Watford, Neil Whatmore scores the winner.

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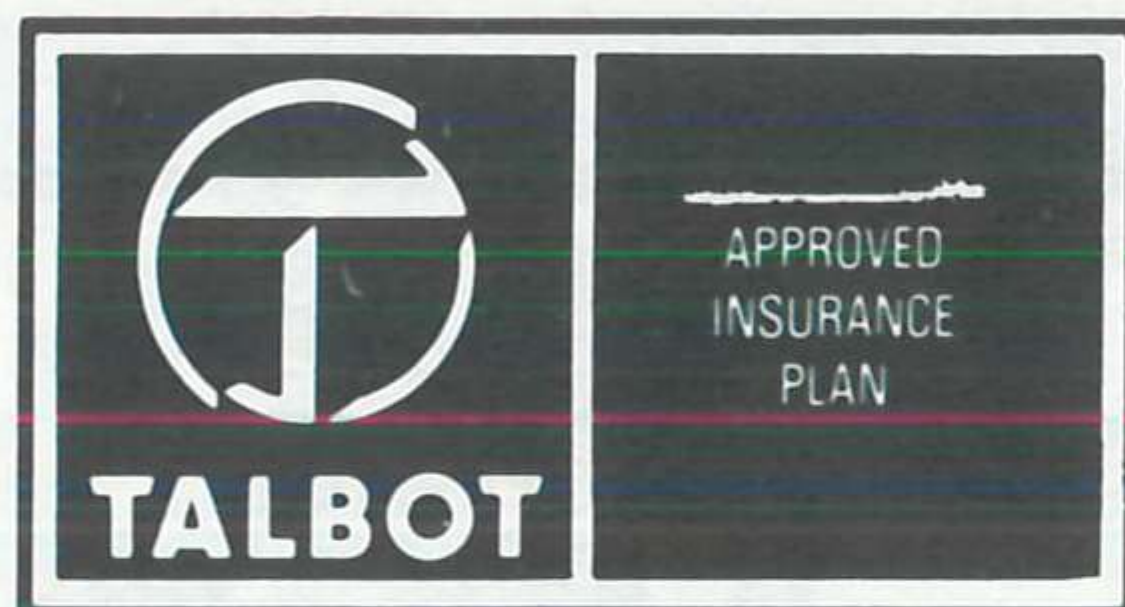
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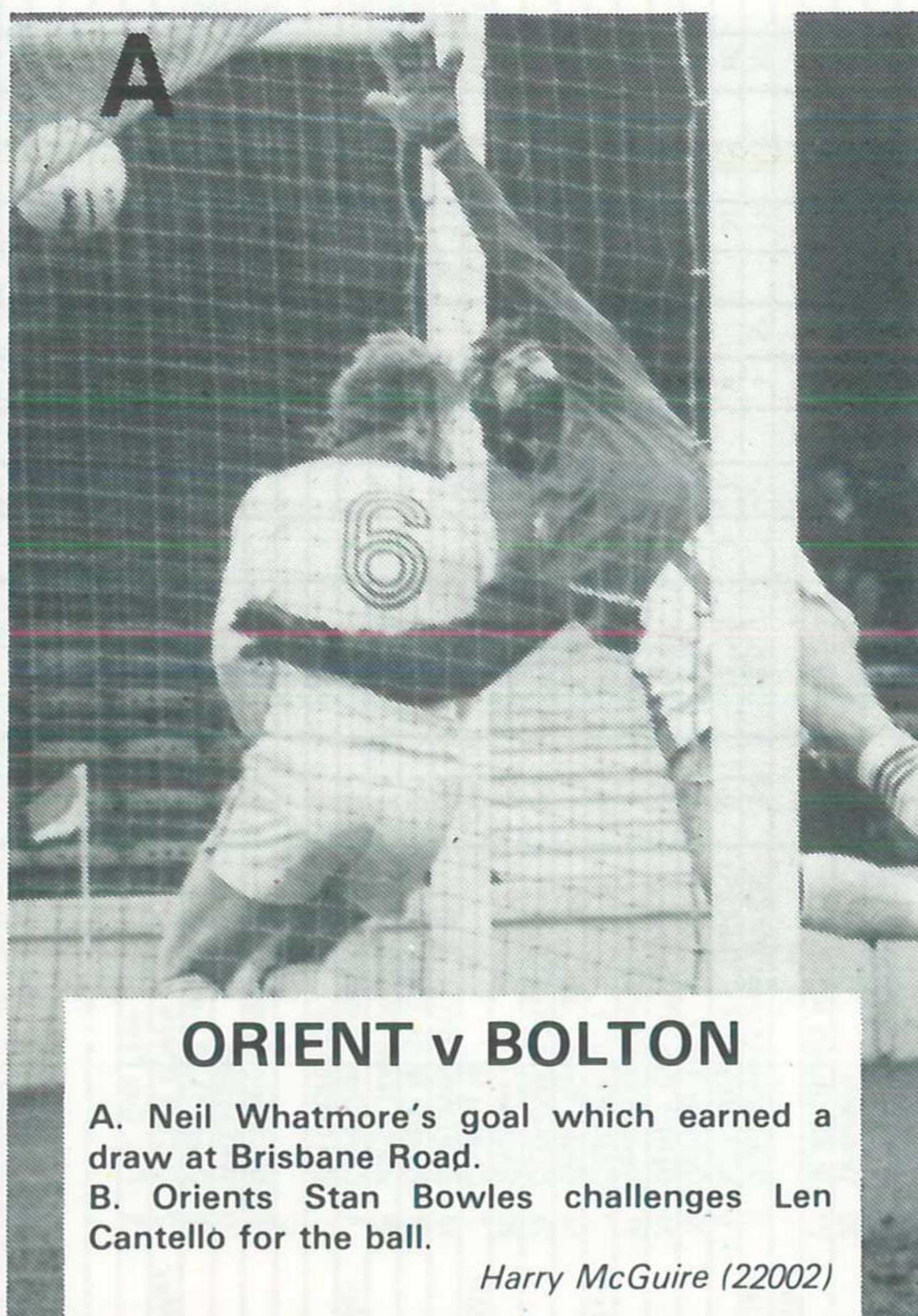
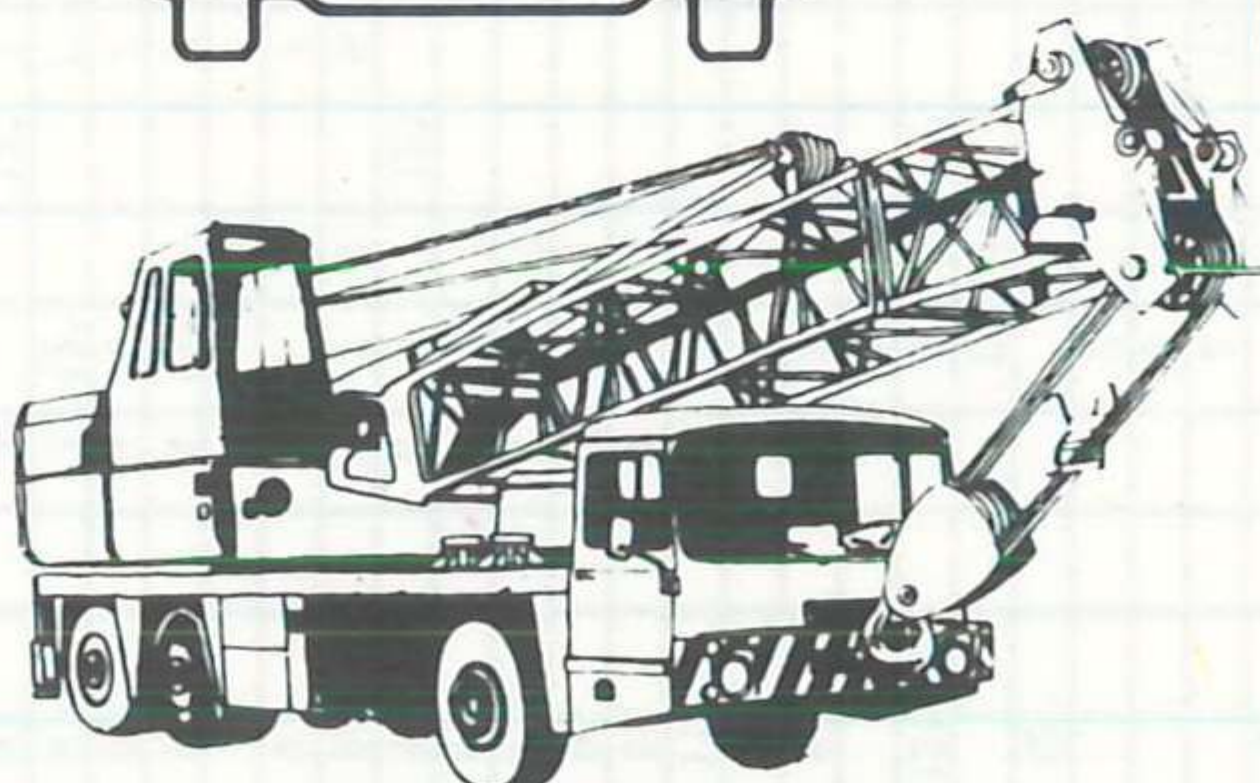
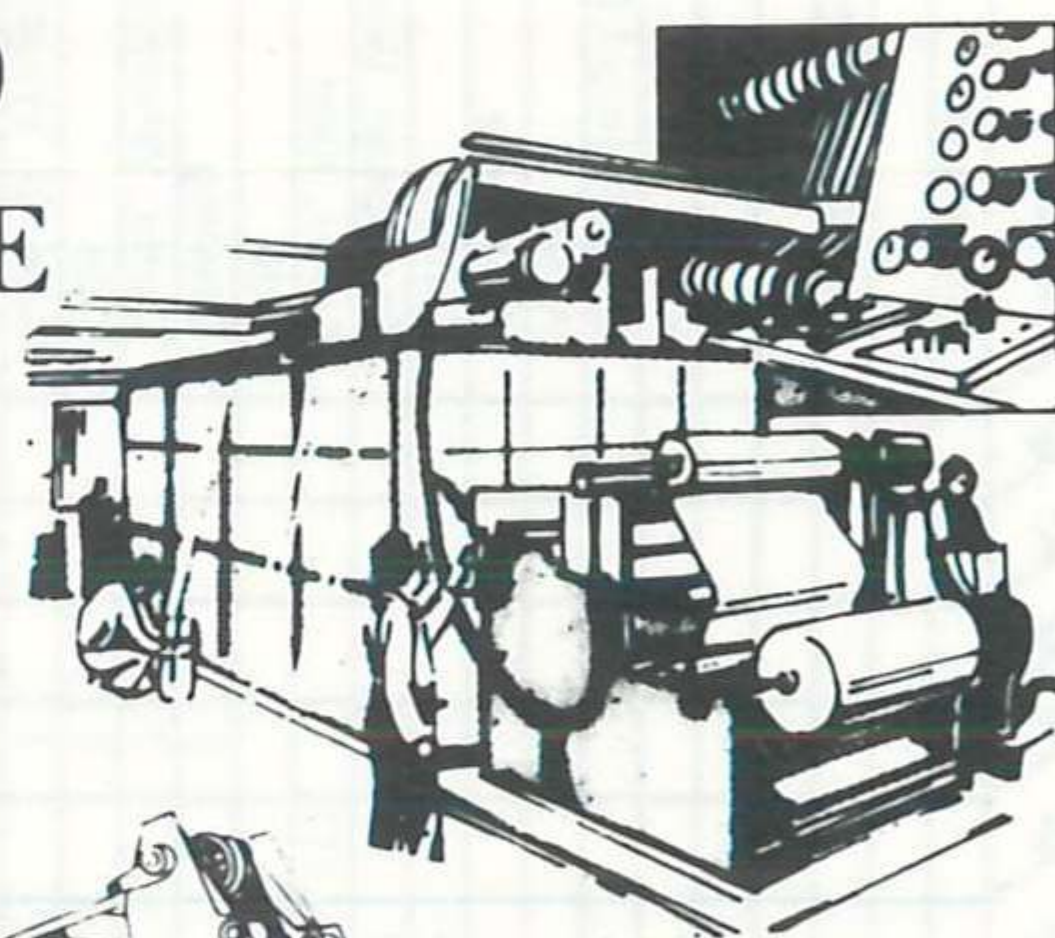
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ORIENT v BOLTON

A. Neil Whatmore's goal which earned a draw at Brisbane Road.

B. Orients Stan Bowles challenges Len Cantello for the ball.

Harry McGuire (22002)



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HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS

***Denotes
Sub used**

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Aug.	16 Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12														Whatmore			
	19 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12														Kidd(3) Whatmore			
	23 NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12															
	26 L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*															
	30 Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2												Kidd		
	Sept. 2 L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3		5*	6	7	8	9	10	4			11	12*	2												Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)		
6 BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*		6*	7	8	9	10	4			11	12*	2	5												Walsh		
	13 Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8	10	4			11	7	2													Whatmore		
	20 SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8	10	4			11	7	3	12												Cantello		
	27 Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8	10	4			1	7													Thompson, Gowling		
	Oct. 4 CHELSEA	2-3	11,888	2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4*			1	7	11												Carter, Kidd		
	7 Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077	12	3	7	5	6	9	8	10	4				2	1	11*												Kidd		
11 Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641		3	7	5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12			3	1													Gowling		
	18 BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988	2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4			1														Carter, Whatmore		
	21 PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713	2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4			12														Kidd		
	25 West Ham United	1-2	25,277	2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4																	Kidd (3), Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello		
	Nov. 1 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	6-1	8,016		3		5	6	11	8	9*	10	4	12*																Hoggan		
	8 Watford	1-3	11,296																													
11 Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	16,262			3		5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9																Hoggan	
	22 GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	1-1	9,031	2	3		5	6	4	8	9	10*																			Wilson (2), Kidd	
	25 NOTTS COUNTY	3-0	7,344	2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9																Whatmore (2)	
	29 Luton Town	2-2	8,300	2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9																Whatmore, Kidd (2)	
	Dec. 6 ORIENT	3-1	8,228	2		4	5	6	11	8		10			9																Gowling (pen)	
	13 Bristol City (2)	1-3	7,384	2		4	5		11	8		10			9																Gowling	
19 QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-2	6,315	2	3	4	5		11	8*		10				9																Whatmore	
	26 Wrexham	1-0	7,635	2		4			11	8		10		6	9																Hoggan	
	27 BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,184	1	2	4			11			12	10	6*	9																	
	1981																															
	3 Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	3-3	22,520	1	2	4	5*			11	8		10			9															Hoggan(2), Whatmore	
	6 NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	0-1	22,799	1	2	4			11	8		10				9																
10 Grimsby Town	0-4	9,320	1	2	4				5			10		11	9																	
	24 DERBY COUNTY	3-1	9,937	1	2	4	5		11			10			9																Gowling(2), Thomas	
	31 Newcastle United	1-2	19,108	1	2	4	5			8		10			11	9															Bennett	
	Feb. 7 CARDIFF CITY	4-1	8,115	1	2	4	5		11				10			10	9														Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic	
	14 Bristol Rovers (5)	1-2	5,368	2		12*	5		11	8					4*	9															Gowling	
	24 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2-0	9,641	1	2	4	12	5		11	8					9															Whatmore, Thomas	
28 Swansea City	0-3	9,468		2	4		5		11	8						9																
	Mar. 7 Chelsea (6)	0-2	12,948	2				5	11	8		10	4			12*	7															
	14 SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)	0-2	7,900	2	3			5	11	8		10	4			12*	7															
	24 Preston North End	2-1	8,505				5	3	11	8		12	6																		Reid, Gowling	
	28 WEST HAM UNITED	1-1	13,271				5	3	11	8		12	6																		Whatmore	
	Apr. 4 Cambridge United	3-2	4,512				5	3	11	8			6			10															Reid, Nikolic, Whatmore	
11 WATFORD (SF)	2-1	8,461			6	5	3	11	8			12			10																Thomas, Whatmore	
17																																
18 Blackburn Rovers	0-0	16,357					5	3	11	8		12	6																			
	20 WREXHAM	1-1	6,194				5		11	8		12*	6																			Kidd (pen)
	26 Orient 11.30 a.m.	2-2	3,824				5	3	11	8		6				10																Gowling, Whatmore
May 2 LUTON TOWN																																
9 F.A. Cup Final																																

(Up to and including Tuesday 28th April 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	39	18	1	1	52	12	8	8	3	25	17	61
Notts County	40	9	8	3	24	15	7	9	4	21	23	49
Swansea City	41	12	5	4	39	19	5	9	6	22	24	48
Blackburn Rovers	41	12	8	1	28	7	3	10	7	13	22	48
Luton Town	41	10	6	5	35	23	7	6	7	23	23	46
Grimsby Town	41	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	8	22	27	45
Derby County	40	9	8	3	33	24	6	6	8	23	26	44
Queens Park Rangers	41	11	7	3	36	12	4	5	11	17	31	42
Sheffield Wednesday	40	14	4	2	38	13	3	4	13	14	35	42
Chelsea	41	8	6	6	27	13	6	6	9	19	26	40
Newcastle United	41	10	7	3	19	12	3	7	11	8	32	40
Watford	40	12	5	3	32	17	2	6	12	15	27	39
Wrexham	40	5	8	7	22	23	7	6	7	21	20	38
Shrewsbury Town	41	9	6	5	30	19	2	10	9	13	25	38
Bolton Wanderers	41	10	5	5	40	24	4	5	12	21	39	38
Orient	41	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	12	17	33	38
Cambridge United	40	12	1	7	31	22	4	5	11	17	40	38
Oldham Athletic	41	6	9	5	17	16	5	6	10	20	32	37
Cardiff City	40	7	5	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	34
Preston North End	40	8	7	5	27	23	2	7	11	11	35	34
Bristol City	41	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	13	10	34	30
Bristol Rovers	41	4	9	7	21	23	1	4	16	13	41	23

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday
25th April 1981)

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Liverpool	40	28	8	4	95	25 64
West Brom A.	40	20	14	6	62	31 54
Newcastle Utd.	39	21	9	9	72	39 51
Wolves	39	20	11	8	60	35 51
Manchester C.	40	16	18	6	71	48 50
Aston Villa	40	18	11	11	76	54 47
Nott'm Forest	39	18	11	10	58	37 47
Everton	42	17	11	14	58	53 45
Burnley	39	15	12	12	39	40 42
Coventry City	39	15	9	15	72	70 39
Leeds United	39	10	19	10	41	48 39
Manchester Utd.	40	11	15	14	45	51 37
Stoke City	38	13	9	16	46	52 35
Sheffield Wed.	38	13	9	16	45	54 35
Bury	39	13	9	17	49	56 35
Preston N.E.	39	12	11	16	47	66 35
Derby County	40	9	14	17	56	61 32
Huddersfield T.	37	8	11	18	31	44 27
Sheffield Utd.	37	6	14	17	36	59 26
Bolton W.	40	9	8	23	37	81 26
Blackpool	39	6	11	22	26	75 23
Blackburn R.	39	7	8	24	33	76 22

TODAYS REFEREE

SAUNDERS, ALAN (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Commenced refereeing with local junior and senior leagues, then progressed to the Northern League and the Football League list. Refereed the Northern League Cup Final in 1976 and 1979, and England v. Scotland (Fire Services) match in 1974. He was Senior Linesman at a European Cup match in 1976, the Quarter Final of the F.A. Cup in 1977 and also Scotland v. Finland in 1976.

A married man, with one son, he is a Supervisor for the housing department. Likes swimming, plays five-a-side football and enjoys refereeing local Youth and Boys' Club competitions.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F	A
Aug.	SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United	1	2
		1	2
Sept.	Coventry City	1	3
	Manchester City	1	6
	Bury	1	0
Oct.	NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool	0	3
		2	2
	LEEDS UNITED	1	0
	WEST BROM A.	1	1
	STOKE CITY	0	4
	Preston N.E.	1	4
	HUDDERSFIELD T.	0	3
	Blackpool	2	1
Nov.	BURNLEY	3	0
	MANCHESTER UNITED	2	3
	Sheffield W.	3	3
	Aston Villa	1	5
	Derby County	P	
Dec.	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	0	2
	Sheffield United	0	2
	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1	1
	BLACKPOOL	1	0
	Derby County	0	5
	Leeds United	2	4
	DERBY COUNTY	1	0
	Everton	0	3
1981			
Jan.	EVERTON	0	2
	ASTON VILLA	0	3
	Blackburn Rovers	2	1
	Stoke City	0	0
Feb.	MANCHESTER CITY	0	0
	COVENTRY CITY	2	0
	BURY	0	3
Mar.	West Bromwich A.	2	2
	PRESTON N.E.	0	1
	Huddersfield Town	0	0
	Liverpool	0	1
Apr.	SHEFFIELD UNITED	1	2
	Nottingham Forest	2	2
	Burnley	0	3
May			
	BLACKBURN ROVERS	2	1
	Newcastle United	0	1
	Wolverhampton W.		



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TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Mike Walsh
- 4 Peter Reid
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Len Cantello
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 John Thomas
- 10 Dave Hoggan
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



- 1 Jake Findlay
- 2 Kirk Stephens
- 3 Mal Donaghy
- 4 Tony Grealish
- 5 Mike Saxby
- 6 Paul Price
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Godfrey Ingram
- 10 Raddy Antic
- 11 David Moss
- 12

Luton Town

Referee:

A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Linesmen:

A. R. Humpage (Market Drayton)

Red Flag

G. Jones (Wirral) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL ASTON VILLA		
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY EVERTON		
C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION LEEDS UNITED		
D	LIVERPOOL SUNDERLAND		
E	MANCHESTER CITY CRYSTAL PALACE		
F	MIDDLESBROUGH IPSWICH TOWN		
G	NORWICH CITY LEICESTER CITY		
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST COVENTRY CITY		
I	STOKE CITY WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		
J	WEST BROMWICH ALBION TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		
K	BRISTOL ROVERS BLACKBURN ROVERS		
L	CAMBRIDGE UNITED GRIMSBY TOWN		
M	CARDIFF CITY DERBY COUNTY		
N	CHELSEA NOTTS COUNTY		
O	NEWCASTLE UNITED ORIENT		
P	OLDHAM ATHLETIC BRISTOL CITY		
Q	PRESTON NORTH END SWANSEA CITY		
R	SHREWSBURY TOWN QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
S	WATFORD SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
T	WEST HAM UNITED WREXHAM		
U	BURNLEY OXFORD UNITED		
V	EXETER CITY BLACKPOOL		
W	SCUNTHORPE UNITED WIGAN ATHLETIC		
X	WIMBLEDON BURY		



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